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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

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At page 1, line 3, please replace the current reference to related applications with the following new reference:

-- Reference To Pending Prior Patent Applications

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This is a continuation of pending prior U.S. Patent ^{U.S. Pat. No. 6,682,568,} Application Serial No. 09/909,923, filed 07/20/2001 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for MODULAR FEMORAL STEM COMPONENT FOR A HIP JOINT PROSTHESIS which in turn claims benefit of (1) prior U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/219,955, filed 07/20/00 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for MODULAR ORTHOPEDIC CONNECTION (Attorney's Docket No. HAYES-1 PROV); and (2) prior U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/219,963, filed 07/20/00 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for FORCE COUPLE

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